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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Claims 1, 6 and 17 are independent claims. No new matter has been introduced.

### **35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection**

Claims 1-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zintel in view of Meyerson. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to further recites, among other features, that the device is automatically detectable in the UPnP based home network. Independent claim 6 has been amended to include similar features in a varying scope.

In the present invention, among the devices that are automatically detectable in the UPnP based home network, only some of the devices are selectively communicated. Hence, based on the comparison result, the present invention does not communicate with other devices even if those devices are automatically detectable in the UPnP based home network. This selective communication in the UPnP based home network is advantageous because a user may be confused if too many devices are displayed on a screen of the

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UPnP control point (see page 3, lines 21-25 and page 13, lines 16-20 of the specification).

On the contrary, Meyerson is directed to a method to establish communication between a primary device and a secondary device, and then to automatically configure the primary device depending on the secondary device in communication with the primary device, wherein the primary device in Meyerson is equated by the Examiner to the control point in the present invention. In Meyerson, the primary device can automatically detect only some secondary devices in the network. For other secondary devices that are not automatically detectable in the network, Meyerson teaches user specified device detection to help detecting those secondary devices (see col. 2, lines 28-34 of Meyerson). The user specified device detection in Meyerson requires the user to specify, for example, the "germane details of the predefined environment" for the secondary device so that such secondary device can be detected in the network based on the details specified by the user (see col. 6, lines 33-60 of Meyerson). However, the present invention is distinguished in that the present invention teaches selectively communicating with the device that is already automatically detectable in the UPnP home network, and does not require specifying details for the device to allow the device to be detectable in the network.

Further, in Meyerson, even if the secondary device is automatically detectable in the network, Meyerson does not selectively communicate with the

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secondary device, but rather automatically communicates with the detectable secondary device to configure the primary device based on the secondary device. Therefore, Meyerson does not teach or suggest selectively transmitting the device characteristic of the device, wherein the device is automatically detectable in the home network, as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 6.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted amended independent claims 1 and 6, and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

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### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and to provide an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

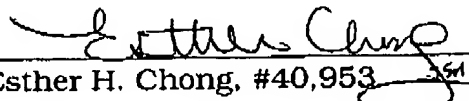
Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jun S. Ha (Registration No. 58,508) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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